

PROCLAMATION FAMILY WEEK NOVEMBER 16-22, 2008

WHEREAS, North Dakota is blessed with a multitude of families that represent an integral part of our state's cultural, social and spiritual fabric; and

WHEREAS, families are indispensable to a stable and free society, and pass along the traditions and principles that make this state and country strong; and

WHEREAS, families provide a foundation of values and virtues, and instill responsibility and character in our children; and

WHEREAS, responsible parents, grandparents and extended family ensure our children grow up in loving, stable homes and help prepare them for futures of hope and opportunity; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the service and sacrifice of military families in our state who have borne the hardships of war with courage and devotion.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim November 16-22, 2008, **FAMILY WEEK** in the state of North Dakota and call upon citizens to observe this week with appropriate activities to honor the family.

John Høeven

Governor

ATTEST:

Secretary of State